



Friday
July 16, 2010

Weekly Views

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a graduation for 9 students from the PLUS unit. The PLUS unit dedicated this graduation in memory of PLUS Volunteer Mentor Eric Johnson who passed away unexpectedly.

The third session of "Experienced & Emerging Leadership" was conducted July 13-14. Team building activities were held on the beach at Michigan City on day one, and team presentations were presented at Westville Correctional Facility on day two. A total of 38 staff participated.

Indiana State Police TIP (Tactical Intervention Platoons) Team members, along with Emergency Response Operations staff from all three Pendleton facilities, conducted a joint training exercise on Tuesday. The event included cross-training on the weapons and equipment used by our Emergency Squads, followed by tours of each facility.

Commissioner Buss and Chief of Staff Ronay visited Pendleton Correctional Facility on Wednesday to conduct a Brief-Back Meeting and to update staff regarding various issues impacting the Department.

On July 10, Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Day to recognize the hard work and commitment of volunteers and to thank them for their help to make IREF's mission successful.



57 Indiana State Police Career Camp teenagers, along with 10 state police instructors, visited the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Thursday to view a K-9 demonstration and tour portions of the Secured Housing Unit. (See photo, left)

The Plainfield Correctional Facility PLUS program donated \$927 to the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN). ICAN currently has 18 puppies being trained by offenders at PCF as service companions for the disabled.

Pendleton Juvenile recently held a blood drive and had 26 staff presenting and 19 able to donate.

Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a graduation ceremony on Thursday to recognize the most recent graduates of the Vocational Training and Apprenticeship Programs. Retired Superintendent Jack Duckworth served as guest speaker.

Westville Correctional Facility held another successful Red Cross blood drive. This important event prompted a response from the facility's EAPC (Employee Action Planning Committee) who were present to award on the spot lunch certificates to those who participated in the blood drive. This team effort produced the largest blood drive at Westville ever.

The Correctional Industrial Facility donated 35 lbs. of zucchini, over 300 lbs. of green beans, 30 lbs. of green peppers, 10 lbs. of peas, and 45 lbs. of cabbage to the Christian Center in Anderson, Indiana.

Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Unit offenders held a food sale and donated the profits of \$315.99 to the Stepping Stones Shelter in Michigan City on Friday.

Correctional Industrial Facility employees donated 48 pints of blood this week to the American Red Cross. (See photo, right)

EEL participants held a dinner at Washington Park in Michigan City and were given a tour of the Indiana State Prison.

On Thursday, Pendleton Correctional Facility held a blood drive organized in conjunction with the American Red Cross.



The Division of Youth Services participated in the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators' (CJCA) first annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The submission from Pendleton Juvenile, "A Brighter More Colorful Tomorrow," has been selected as the winner of the contest. This was the first time a national search was conducted for the design of the cover.

Doug Evans and Lisa Williams of PEN Products facilitated the 4th Offender Workforce Development workshop at the Fort Wayne Ivy Tech campus on Wednesday, July 15. Workshop topics included barriers to employment, career theory, and assessment. These workshops are a precursor to the full 180 hour training that will be offered in early 2011. Participants at Wednesday's training were from Parole District #2, Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility, Delaware and Grant County Community Corrections, Warsaw Ivy Tech, and other post release service providers.